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Draft report

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Chapter ____. Organization of the session

A. Opening and duration of the session

1. The Commission for Social Development held its thirty-ninth session at United Nations Headquarters in New York from 13 to 23 February 2001. The Commission held _____ meetings (1st to ____) and a number of informal meetings.

B. Attendance

2. In accordance with Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/7 of 22 July 1996, the Commission is composed of 46 States Members of the United Nations, elected on the principle of equitable geographical distribution.

3. The session was attended by 46 States members of the Commission. Observers for other States Members of the United Nations and for non-member States and representatives of specialized agencies and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations also attended. A list of participants is contained in annex I to the present report.

C. Election of officers

4. At its 1st meeting, on 13 February, the Commission elected Faith Innerarity (Jamaica) as Chairman, by acclamation.

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5. At its 6th meeting, on 15 February, the Commission elected the following officers by acclamation:

Vice-Chairmen

Nicole J. Elisha (Benin)
Muhammed Enayet Mowla (Bangladesh)

6. At its 8th meeting, on 20 February, the Commission elected Anzhela Korneliouk (Belarus) as Vice-Chairman, by acclamation.

7. At its 9th meeting, on 21 February, the Commission decided that Ms. Korneliouk would also act as Rapporteur.

D. Agenda

8. At its 1st meeting, on 13 February, the Commission adopted its provisional agenda for the session, as contained in document E/CN.5/2001/1. The agenda was as follows:

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.
3. Follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development:
   (a) Themes:
      (i) Priority theme: enhancing social protection and reducing vulnerability in a globalizing world;
      (ii) Sub-theme: the role of volunteerism in the promotion of social development;
   (b) Review of relevant United Nations plans and programmes of action pertaining to the situation of social groups.
4. Multi-year programme of work of the Commission for 2002-2006.
5. Programme questions and other matters:
   (a) Programme performance and implementation;
   (b) Proposed programme of work for the biennium 2002-2003;
   (c) United Nations Research Institute for Social Development.
6. Provisional agenda for the fortieth session of the Commission.
7. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its thirty-ninth session.

E. Organization of work

9. At its 1st meeting, on 13 February, the Commission approved its organization of work for the session, as contained in document E/CN.5/2001/L.1.

F. Opening statements

10. At the 1st meeting, on 13 February, the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs addressed the Commission.

G. Expert panel discussions

Expert panel discussion on enhancing social protection and reducing vulnerability in a globalizing world

11. At the 1st meeting, on 13 February, the following members of the expert panel on enhancing social protection and reducing vulnerability in a globalizing world addressed the Commission: Dalmer D. Hoskins, Secretary-General, International Social Security Association; Ernesto Murro, Board Member, National Social Security Bank of Uruguay; Viviene Taylor, Chair, Committee of Enquiry into a Comprehensive Social Security System, and Special Adviser to the Minister for Social Development of South Africa; and Frank Vandenbroucke, Minister for Social Affairs and Pensions, Federal Government of Belgium. The Chairman of the Commission acted as Moderator.

12. Members of the Commission held a general exchange of views with the panel members.

Expert panel discussion on the role of volunteerism in the promotion of social development

13. At the 5th meeting, on 15 February, the Executive Coordinator of the United Nations Volunteers Programme made an introductory statement.

14. At the same meeting, the following members of the expert panel on the role of volunteerism in the promotion of social development addressed the Commission: Justin Davis Smith, Founding Director, Institute for Volunteering Research (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland); Miguel Darcy Oliveira, Coordinator of the Institute for Cultural Action (IDAC) and Coordinator of the national programme to strengthen voluntarism (Brazil); Dasho Meghraj Gurung, Managing Director, Bhutan Post, and Vice-Chairperson, National International Year of Volunteers Committee (Bhutan); Joan Denise Daries, Director, Volunteer Centre of Cape Town, and Chairperson, National IYV Committee of South Africa and South African National Aid Council Task Force; and Michael Bürsch, member, German Federal Parliament, and Chairman, Parliamentary Commission on the Future and Social Civic Participation. The Chairman of the Commission acted as Moderator.

15. Members of the Commission held a general exchange of views with the panel members.

H. Non-governmental organizations dialogue segment

16. At its 5th meeting, on 15 February, the Commission held a dialogue with non-governmental organizations. Presentations were made by the following non-governmental organizations: American Association of Retired Persons; Pax Christi

International; International Federation of Settlements and Neighbourhood Centres; International Federation on Ageing; International Longevity Center; and United Methodist Church-General Board of Global Ministries. The representative of Germany, the representative of the International Federation on Ageing, and a member of the expert panel on the role of volunteerism in the promotion of social development, participated in the dialogue.

I. Documentation

17. The documents before the Commission at its thirty-ninth session are listed in annex ... to the present report.